

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 12, 2019.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Ken Rowe, Don Piche

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28447 and # 28448 and Master Vouchers # 21-2019, # 22-2019 in the total amount of \$291,020.54 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Old Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that the GreenSand stamp sand relocation project would be underway within the next few days. They will be removing 175,000 cubic yards away from the water's edge to prevent more stamp sand from washing into the lake during storms.

H.B. 4120 was passed by the Senate with an amendment to apply to counties with a population of 100,000 or less, so it is back in the House for discussion and vote.

The permit for the Gay-Lac La Belle Road relocation is still under review by the USEPA.

New Business:

The Engineer presented the Board with draft Title and Environmental Disclosures and permanent ORV/snowmobile trail easement for the Central property. The Board reviewed and discussed the documents. The sale of the property will take place in the summer of 2020. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to authorize the Engineer/Manager to complete the sale and easement process and sign any related documents regarding the sale of the Central property. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer discussed the proposed 2020 paving projects, including the federal aid routes, county primary roads and millage projects. The projects include the remainder of Lac La Belle Road, the Gay-Lac La Belle Road to Montgomery Point Road, an additional short segment of Bete Grise Road, Montgomery Point Road, Marina Road in Eagle Harbor, and 9th and Manhattan Streets in Fulton. The Engineer and Commissioner Schaefer will meet with the Township Supervisors to discuss and approve the proposed millage projects for 2020. The Keweenaw County Transportation Task

Force and Rural Task Force 13A will meet in December to formalize and approve the 5-year Transportation Improvement Plans. With the federal aid buyout, the paving will be bid as one large project with completion expected by the end of August, 2020.

The Engineer informed the Board that Dan Larson was selected for the Mechanic position following four excellent interviews with very qualified candidates. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to offer the position to Mr. Larson at the 100% pay, waiving the pay step scale pending concurrence with the Employees' Association. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board the pavement marking pilot project that was to be completed in 2019 is now being offered for 2020 with completion dates of July 31, 2020. Commissioner Olson motioned to join the MDOT painting contract, with the ability to excuse ourselves from the contract after the bids are in, with a completion date of July 31, 202 and to further investigate the RoadPak RoadLaser painting system. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that CRASIF has come out with their annual safety awards. Keweenaw County Road Commission is among the few counties statewide to be on the safety honor roll for nine straight years.

The Board discussed raises for the administrative staff. Commissioner Schaefer motioned a position adjustment for the Payroll Clerk to \$17.50/hour. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Olson motioned to offer the Engineer and Finance Director the same 3% raise that the Employees' Association received. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance on specific routes for 2019/2020. Segments of Phoenix Farms Road, Tukku's Farm Road, and Cliff Drive will not be plowed this year in order to reduce winter maintenance costs. West Ballman Street in Fulton will not be plowed as well, similar to the previous winters.

Other items of routine business were discussed

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer